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PRICE THREE CENTS.

10
DOLLARS

Will buy any Overcoat like those shown in our window this week. Take a look at them. You never bought as much Overcoat goodness for ten dollars.

**Men's Overcoats at
... \$2.50 to \$25.00.**

**Boys' Overcoats at
... 95c to \$10.00.**

*The Lima Clothing Co.
215 & 217 NORTH MAIN ST.*

**HOW TO BUY
CHRISTMAS GIFTS!**

An early selection from a Holiday stock always proves best and most satisfactory. Don't wait until the last hour and be obliged to choose hurriedly from a "stack over" stock. No matter how much better you think you are going to do by buying your Christmas Presents somewhere else—DON'T let go of your money until you have seen our goods and learned our prices.

Goods May Be Purchased Now, and We Will Store Them Away for You Until the Day Before Christmas.

the Economy Basement

Is filled from one end to the other with the choicest selection of

**HINWARE,
DOLLS,
PIANOS,
RUMS,
TUMPETS,
ACKBOARDS,** DOLL CARRIAGES, DOLL CRADLES, GAMES of ALL KINDS, TOY FURNITURE, IRON TOYS, TOY TEA SETS,

and hundreds of other interesting articles to gladden the hearts of both old and young.

Our Holiday Stock gives you new ideas. It is easy to select from supplies exactly what you want.

ELTZ BROS. & CO.,
First Door South of Court House.

STRUCK IT RICH.

Another Ohio Man Discovers Wealth in the Alaska Fields.

James Brown Stakes a Valuable Claim—Writes His Wife That He Would Not Sell for \$75,000.

Mrs. James Brown, formerly of Findlay but at present living in this city, has received a letter from her husband, who is one of the prospectors for gold at Klondike, stating that he has been very successful in locating a rich claim. Mr. Brown is an old miner and lost no time after reaching the gold field to seek for wealth. He left for the gold fields last spring and began prospecting on Stewart river, a stream south of the Klondike.

He writes his wife that his claim is a rich one; that he would not sell it for \$75,000. Mrs. Brown is a sister of Mrs. Charles Hemmleb, who lives in the Metropolitan block, and is greatly elated over the success of her husband.

BUT LITTLE DAMAGE.

Slight Wreck at Columbus Grove—Passenger Trains Delayed.

A small wreck occurred at Columbus Grove Saturday night that caused passenger trains 7 and 12 to be delayed about two hours. As train 90 was pulling onto the siding to allow 91 to pass the truck on the rear car failed to curve and was thrown from the rails. The wrecking crew from this city was called out and cleared the track. The damage was slight.

THEIR FIRST-BORN.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sullivan the Happy Parents of a Handsome Son.

John J. Sullivan, an employee in the auditor's office of the Ohio Southern railroad, is the proud father of a bright little son. The welcome little youngster arrived at noon yesterday, at their home on north Elizabeth. His weight is eleven pounds, he being almost as large as his pa. There is double joy at the Sullivan home over the arrival of this hearty young babe as it is their first born.

FROM PNEUMONIA.

Charles Overholts Died at His Home this Afternoon.

Charles Overholts died at his home at North and Colestreets, about 12:45 o'clock this afternoon, from pneumonia. The deceased was about 36 years of age and was quite well known, having worked as a bartender in several establishments in the city.

Arrangements for the funeral services have not been completed.

You Can Get

A silver thimble for fifteen cents at McDonald's jewelry store to-day.

Black Goods Bargain.

This morning we received a shipment of black figured Mohair Dress Goods to sell at

50c A YARD;

Value 75c to \$1 a yard. We have never sold anything at 75c a yard heretofore that was better than these goods, and our position as the leading dress goods house of Lima is never questioned by the best dressers in the city. See the new goods to-morrow.

It CARROLL & COONEY.

Games, pocketbooks, toilet cases, smoking sets, at Downard's.

Standard brand of oysters always fresh. 25c per qt. H. S. Tidd, 208 east North street. 3-2t

Read McDonald's

New advertisement in this edition of THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT

Oysters 25c a quart at Simon's.

Lake Steamer Missing.

Marinette, Wis., Dec. 6.—There are fears for the safety of the big steamer Lackawanna of Buffalo. She passed through here Thursday on her way to Green Bay. She has not yet reached that port, and the tug Nau of this city has been unable to sight her after several trips out in the ice.

See the new Florentine imitation of marble statuary at Downard's.

Bassinger & Cameron for watches, clocks, jewelry and precious stones.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Who They Are, Where They Have Been and are Going.

J. W. Puetz spent Sunday at Troy. F. Dickman was in Toledo yesterday.

J. R. Rickoff was at Piqua yesterday.

E. M. Manning Sunday at Dayton.

Oscar Thomas spent Sunday at Dehler.

W. E. Grayton went to Harrod this morning.

J. R. Sinclair went to Toledo this morning.

"Dick" Ramseyer was in Toledo yesterday.

John Moor visited at St. Mary's yesterday.

Tom Conley spent the day yesterday at Dayton.

Isaac Motter was at Columbus Grove Saturday.

Bob W. Melly visited friends at Piqua yesterday.

John Sherrett spent the day, yesterday, in Sidney.

N. V. Elliott called on friends at Ottawa yesterday.

Geo. Dunn, of Oriderville, was in the city yesterday.

Judge Mooney, of St. Mary's, was in the city yesterday.

M. Bernstein visited friends yesterday at Wapakoneta.

Sol Weisenthal visited friends at Wapakoneta yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Boone has returned from a visit at Cleveland.

Attorney John Bailey, of Ottawa, was in the city yesterday.

Supt. Fleeter, of the C. H. & D., is at Leipzig Junction today.

Mrs. Harry Harper, of Ottawa, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Miss Nettie Harter, of east Vine street, has gone to Chicago to visit friends.

P. W. Simon and W. C. H. Foltz were guests of friends at Bluffton Saturday night.

Herman Eckhardt came up from Dayton Saturday evening to spend Sunday with his parents.

M. B. Francis, traveling car agent of the Norfolk & Western, stopped at the Cambridge yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, of south Pine street, spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Vaughnsville.

Mrs. Esther Williams, of Vaughnville, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Watkins, of south Main street.

E. A. Morrison, of Tiffin, is in the city, stopping at the Cambridge House. He expects to permanently locate in Lima.

Mrs. R. J. Leffingwell and daughter, Emma, who have been for the past few days the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Leffingwell, of south Main street, returned to their home in Spencerville to-day.

Messrs. C. Miller, F. Cahill, C. M. Tolson, N. W. Cunningham, John Kerbs, I. R. Wetherill, M. D., and Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Sassi, and Mr. and

Mrs. Battles, of Bluffton, were in the city to-day on business.

Rev. J. B. Mooney has returned home after a visit of a week's duration with his parents in Cleveland.

Frank McGinnis, of the Clay Clement Theatrical Company, spent Sunday and this morning with his relatives and friends in this city. The company appeared at the Valentine theatre in Toledo Saturday night, and will be in Adrian to night. Mr. McGinnis left for Adrian this afternoon.

OFFICERS ELECTED

By Lima Lodge No. 200, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

C. S. Halterman Elected Master—C. J. and John Sweeney Re-elected.

Lima Lodge 200, B. of R. T., met in regular session yesterday and elected the following officers for the year 1898:

Master, Geo. Halterman, of the L. E. & W.; vice master, Chas. Myton, of the C. H. & D.; secretary, C. J. Sweeney, of the D. & L. N.; financial secretary, John Sweeney, of the C. H. & D.; journal agent, John Whalen, of the L. E. & W.

The following officers were appointed by the master:

Conductor, C. H. Durbin, of the L. E. & W.; warden, Oscar Love, of the C. H. & D.; chaplain, O. H. Zellars, of the C. H. & D.; inner guard, J. A. Simpson, of the C. H. & D.; outer guard, O. H. Davis, of the L. E. & W.; collector, D. F. Goonen, of the L. E. & W.

TO ST. MARY'S

The Stolen Goods that the Police Found Were Shipped.

Supt. S. B. Kramer, of the L. E. & W., who has been making an investigation to ascertain where the stolen goods that were found by the police at the car works, Friday, belonged, informed the police to-day that the goods belonged to a shipment made over the L. E. & W. to a merchant at St. Mary's. The goods will be turned over to the L. E. & W. officials.

OIL AND GAS.

Buckeye Pipe Line runs, Dec. 3rd, 53 145 97; Indiana Pipe Line runs, 8 778 46; total, 60 924 43. Shipments, Lima Oil, 69,662 48.

Try Simon's pop corn fritters.

Notice to the Public.

The undersigned still have in stock over 200 new and second hand Stoves and a lot of Furniture to choose out regardless of cost.

J. B. JACKMAN & SONS,
320 north Tanner Street.

Treat's Kid and Wool Mittens are very good. 26t Buy now.

Mrs. E. E. Rogers, for Holiday flowers.

39-12t



CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Chimes will soon be ringing; only a few more weeks. The minds of millions of people are already filled with Christmas shopping, an old custom which is still growing. It is not an easy task for some people to know what to buy or find always just such an article as you would like for the amount of money you intend to spend for a present that will be appreciated by either father, mother, sister, brother, lover or friend. This perplexing question can be reduced to an easy thing if you will devote a little time in Michael's store. That store is full of useful and appropriate Christmas gifts. It'll take only a few minutes to find "just what you have been looking for" and your mind will be easy. Of the many things the writer observed, we mention a few of the most popular ones.

GENTLE SMOKING OR HOUSE COATS, of which they are showing a beautiful line. Several extremely handsome novelties; prices range \$3.50 to \$15.

Their Glove Department is strictly up to date, including full line of Fur Gloves and fur lined ones, ranging in price from 50c to \$3.00 a pair.

A Guyer Hat is also a very acceptable gift. The Neckwear, Muffler and Suspender counters are loaded with the choicest production of this and other countries. Some of these come in individual boxes, ready to present, ranging in price from 25c to \$2.50.

Their Umbrella cases contain choice novelties for both ladies and gentlemen; prices range from 75c to \$7.50.

Night Robes made of soft Domest for winter wear in new colorings and White Muslin with exquisite embroidered fronts, ranging in price from 48c to \$1.98.

Michael's store will undoubtedly be the holiday shopping place of Lima this season. They have made special efforts this season to make their store headquarters for all holiday shoppers and to all appearances they have certainly succeeded.

LADIES' WATERPROOF SHOES!

Our Ladies' Shoes



Introduced by us last season, which keep the feet dry and warm without the use of rubbers, have proved a success. We want to sell them to every

one requiring absolutely dry feet, and they will prove healthful as well.

THEY COME IN ALL THE NEW SHAPES!

All sizes, and widths. Just the shoe you want to protect your feet. One pair will convince you. They cost \$3.00 and \$3.50. See them at

GOODING'S,
290 NORTH MAIN STREET.

NOTE:—Accept no imitations.

REPORT ON CURRENCY

Comptroller Eckel's Submits His Annual Review.

HE RECOMMENDS A CHANGE

In the Laws Governing National Banks—So as to Permit Them to Issue Notes Against Full Amounts of Their Funds.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The annual report of James H. Eckel, comptroller of the currency, for the year ended Oct. 31, 1897, opens with a brief review of the history of the legislation which constitutes the present national bank act, and invites the attention of congress to amendments to the law recommended in former reports without specifically repeating them.

On the subject of bank note circulation the comptroller says:

"Whatever justification there was in the last instance for restricting the issuing of notes against the bonds of the government, deposited with the treasurer of the United States to 50 per cent. of the par value thereof has long since ceased. In the report of every comptroller of the currency during the past 20 years the wisdom of changing the existing law so that the banks and through them the communities in which located might have the additional benefit of an added available capital has been urged. Despite all this the law still remains without amendment."

It is recommended by every great commercial government, except the United States, to be the sole provider of the banks to issue the paper which circulates as currency. It has been seriously suggested more than once that the bank note issue be done away with and all paper be issued by the government instead. The danger of such a course is not to be overestimated. The experience of every government has been that the governmental currency paper is a source of weakness and danger.

The argument that the government, better than the banks, can provide for the redemption of paper note issues will not stand the test of a careful analysis. The government has no means for caring for its demand liabilities except through borrowing and through the levying of taxes. Upon the other hand, the banks have assets which can be promptly converted into cash to meet their outstanding notes when presented. Their ability to command gold has always been beyond that of the government, for in each financial exigency which has confronted the government the banks have furnished it to the amounts necessary to maintain its solvency.

The total number of national banks organized since the system was put into operation in 1863 is shown to have been 6,600. On Oct. 31, last, there were in active operation 2,617, having an authorized capital of \$20,230,205. The total circulation of the banks then outstanding was \$2,000,000.

The 1,617 banks in operation are divided geographically as follows: 588, with an authorized capital stock of \$150,291,620, in the New England states; 656, with an aggregate capital stock of \$105,124,273, in the middle states; 267, with a capital stock of \$22,654,160, in the western states; and 124, with a capital stock of \$17,463,000, in the Pacific states.

The per capita averages in the principal countries of the world are as follows: United States, \$23.70; United Kingdom, \$20.65; France, \$24.65; Germany, \$18.95; Austria-Hungary, \$9.32; and Russia, \$8.05.

BUSINESS TO BE PUSHED.

Hawaiian and Cuban Measures Will Be Presented to a Settlement.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The long session of congress, as it is called, because there is no constitutional limitation upon the period of its duration, opened at noon.

It is the intention of the house leaders to proceed with the business of the session as rapidly as possible. The committee will begin their labors this week, and as all of them have more or less bills on hand, which were introduced at the extra session, there will be no lack of material for the house to work on after the committee meetings have begun to grind.

The appropriations committee have been at work for 10 days and Chairman Cannon expects to pass at least two of the regular budgets before the holidays—the legislative, executive and judicial and the pensions appropriation bills. One or the other of these bills, it is expected, will be reported by Wednesday, and the end of the week promises to see the house down to business.

Among the early general measures to receive consideration will be the bankruptcy bill. Whether it will be the Nelson bill, which passed the senate at the last session, or a modification of the Torrey bill, depends on the temper of the judiciary committee, which will submit the measure to the house.

Beyond doubt, there will be several resolutions of inquiry during the first week which will be more or less sectional, and some of the radical pro-Cuba members will attempt to get consideration for a Cuban resolution before the foreign affairs committee can act.

The indications are now for a little more activity than usual during the pre-holiday session. This is largely due to the fact that the supporters of the administration and advocates of annexation are very anxious to secure the earliest possible consideration of the treaty with Hawaii.

The immigration bill, for which Senator Lodge stands sponsor, is practically at the head of the senate legislative calendar and will be considered early in the session.

It is not probable that much will be done in the way of legislation during the present week.

Cargo on Fire.

London, Dec. 6.—When the British steamer Weybridge put in at St. Michael's for coal a fire was discovered in the afterhold. The flames were subdued by steam, when it was found goods had been damaged, to what extent is not stated. The steamer proceeded.

Nerves

are the Messengers of Sense,—the Telegraphs of the human body.

Nerves extend from the brain to every part of the body and reach every organ. Nerves are like fire—good servants but bad masters.

Nerves are fed by the blood and are therefore like it in character.

Nerves will be weak and exhausted if the blood is thin, pale and impure.

Nerves will surely be strong and steady if the blood is rich, red and vigorous.

Nerves are a true friend in Hood's Sarsaparilla because it makes rich, red blood.

Nerves do their work naturally and well. The brain is un劳ded, there are no neuralgic pains, appetite and digestion are good, when you take

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills and Liver Stimulant. 25¢.

The Check Rail in Europe.

"The emperor of Austria has never alluded to his parliament as a team of wild horses, I believe," remarked the Casual Crier.

"No," replied the Snobs Editor; "but that designation would be particularly appropriate, on account of the Czech reign of terror."

A Never-die.

The "life-time" of Dr. Bell's Cough Syrup will never draw to a close. When a mother once uses it, she continues its use right along; because, she found, for curing cough, cold, croop and whooping-cough Dr. Bell's Cough Syrup unequalled by any other similar medicine. "I have used Dr. Bell's Cough Syrup, for ten or fifteen years in the family, for coughs and throat troubles caused by colds, and have found no superior article." Mrs. D. T. Clarke, 163 Congress St., Cleveland, O. Dr. Bell's Cough Syrup can be had every where for 25 cents. Dealers will say they have something else "just as good or better," because they want to make more profit. Don't be "taken in." Dr. Bell's Cough Syrup is the best.

No sensible person will ever wear a single eyeglass unless he is blind of one eye. Its use means that one eye is neither employed nor unemployed, but is engaged in ceaseless, though no doubt unconscious, efforts to see as much as its more favored fellow. This straining is as harmful as anything could well be and cannot fail to lead to the gravest results.

Carter's Herbal Ointment

is a painkiller. It will immediately relieve the pain and cure the worst scald or burn without leaving a scar. It does not banish pain by producing another irritation, nor blemishing the parts to which it is applied, but by removing the cause of the torture, and restoring the afflicted portions to a healthy condition. Price, 25 cents.

For sale by Wm. M. McIlvile and Howard B. Hover.

A Spice, Snow.

In one of the splendid rooms of the palace of Potsdam one of the decorations is the figure of a large spider wrought in gold. According to the Portland Oregonian a tradition as picturesque and interesting as that told of David of Israel and Robert Bruce attaches to this piece of work. It commemorates an incident in the life of Frederick William, the granduncle of the present emperor of Germany. An attempt had been made to poison him in a cup of chocolate. By chance a spider fell into the cup, and for this reason the beverage was given to a dog, who, immediately upon taking it, died. The cook was afterward hanged, and the golden spider in the Potsdam palace immortalizes the incident.

Lost.

Many have lost confidence and hope as well as health, because they have been told their Kidney disease was incurable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy for the discouraged and disconsolate. H. F. Vortkamp, n. e. cor. Main and North sts.

The only Thing to Say.

"There," said the lady, pointing to the wood pile, "how does that strike you?"

"Madam," responded Mr. Perry Patic, "I never saw the like."—Indianapolis Journal.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. F. Vortkamp, n. e. cor. Main and North sts., and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

Ineffective.

"Another southern governor has raised his voice against lynching," remarked Disdiddie.

"But voice-raising has not put back Lynchers, so far," added Van Brum.

CASTORIA.

The fair dealing signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

Don't Neglect That Cold

No matter how slight it may seem to you, of course, a common cold, is often a most inconvenient disease.

Cold often leads to pleurisy, pneumonia, consumption and other fatal lung diseases if neglected.

Avert All Danger by Promptly Applying a

to the chest (front and back) upon the first appearance of such warning symptoms.

Thus prevent prevention against those dangerous complications, and sure cure.

Always reliable. But only the genuine effective. Price 25 cents. Refuse substitutes.

Seabury & Johnson, Mfr. Chemists, N. Y.

Benson's Porous Plaster

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Thus

IS IT A TRIFLE?

Common Trouble Acid Dyspepsia, or Sour Stomach.
Recognized as a Cause of Serious Disease.

acid dyspepsia, commonly called heart or sour stomach, is a form of indigestion resulting from fermentation of the food.

The stomach being too weak to fully digest it, the food remains until it begins, filling the stomach, and a bitter sour, burning taste in the mouth is often present. This condition soon becomes chronic and being an everyday occurrence is given but little attention. Because dyspepsia is not immediately fatal, many people do nothing for the disease.

In this recent period a remedy has been discovered prepared solely for dyspepsia and stomach trouble. It is known as Dr. Suman's Dyspepsia Tablets and is now being rapidly used and prescribed as a cure for every form of dyspepsia.

Dr. Suman's Dyspepsia Tablets have been used by the public and are sold by us everywhere at 50 cents per package.

It is prepared by the Stewart Co.,

Marshall, Mich., and while it promptly and easily restores a vigorous digestion, at the same time is perfectly harmless and will injure the most delicate stomach, but by contrary by giving perfect digestion strengthens the stomach, improves the appetite and makes life worth living.

Send for free book on Stomach Diseases addressing Stewart Co., Marshall, Mich.

MILLION TONS OF COAL.

Natural Gas Production in Indiana and Its Saving in Black Diamonds.

Why the People in the Gas Belt Try to Economize That Product.

A telegram from Anderson, Ind., says: Dr. William Suman has completed a statement showing heat unit of natural gas consumption.

The present flow of gas from the 2,250 wells now in operation in the gas field is 4,400,000,000 cubic feet per day. Reduced to heat units this, according to Dr. Suman's figures, represents the consumption of 195,400 tons of coal per day.

The wells which are attracting so much attention are twenty-two in number and are located near Alexandria. They are wasting 44,000,000 cubic feet per day. This reduced to heat units is equal to 1,950 tons of anthracite coal, valued at \$7,656. This is only waste. The oil taken from these wells amounts to 530 barrels per day, or \$275, leaving a net loss of \$7,380 in allowing the gas to escape. This is for one day and for twenty-two wells.

The amount of gas drawn from Indiana wells annually is 1,610,000,000 cubic feet, equivalent to 53,496,000 tons of anthracite coal, valued at \$213,984,000.

HE'S A MAN NOW.

Ed Long Given a Surprise in Honor of His Twenty-First Birthday Anniversary.

An agreeable surprise was given Ed Long in honor of his twenty-first birthday anniversary Saturday evening, when a party of thirty-one of his young friends called unexpectedly. The evening was delightfully passed by the following guests, who enjoyed, among many other features of entertainment, a splendid supper:

Minnie Julia Keith, Dora Bitenour, Nora Kosaw, Florence Vernon, Daisy Oardell, Marie Jones, Emma Ritenour, Hazel Riley, Martha Miller, Marie Long, Bertha Bowlands, Rosa Lawrence, Rosa Anderson, Josie Long, Miss Brown, Viola Long and Mollie Lawrence. Meers, Dick Watts, Scott Walters, Frank Wilheim, Floyd Lusk, Frank Edgell, Harlie Poage, Bert Davis, Walter Snyder, Elmer Barth, J. J. Roush, Charley Young, Chas. Paden, Frank Miller, Al. Young and Jacob Lawrence.

BROKE HIS WAGON

And Scattered Groceries Over the Street—Wagon Struck by a Street Car.

O. W. Griffin, the man who hauls freight to and from Gomer, met with an accident last Saturday evening as he was starting for home. While crossing the street railway tracks at Union and Wayne streets the wagon was struck by a street car and provisions that were in the wagon were scattered promiscuously all over the street. The wagon was damaged so he could not return to Gomer with it and had to rent another one here in the city. Fortunately no one was injured.

NEARLY COMPLETED

Is the Street Railway Extension Waiting for Railroad Crossings.

Work on the street railway extension to McCullough's lake is now completed, with the exception of the placing in of the railroad crossings and the curves for the track at Jackson and Wayne streets. They have been ordered and are expected to be here so that the road extension can be completed this week.

MARION TOWNSHIP.

D. N. Gengler, of Landec, went to Delphos last Saturday.

W. H. Beeler and Willis McBride went to Delphos last Saturday on business.

J. F. Barnet has given his new barn a coat of paint, which adds much to his residence.

Pequod school began last Monday after a vacation of two weeks on account of diphtheria.

The Need More flying machine is near completion and order "On for Klondike" will soon be heard.

Pilkard & Son have, in connection with their saw mill, added a picket mill for edging and sawing handles.

D. H. Brennenman purchased a fine bird dog from J. W. Thompson last week and will now rank as a sportsman.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson, of Mora, Minnesota, are the guests of Mr. Davidson's mother, near Camelback.

C. C. Ludwig attended the annual session of the Northwestern Ohio Teachers' Association at Lima, recently.

Jeff Hoeler, of Delphos, presented

each of his saw mill and timber laborers with a fine turkey Thanksgiving.

Hog cholera has once more visited some Marion farmers and Elmer Truedale is one of the unfortunate, having lost six hogs.

D. E. Baxter, of Delphos, and deputy county clerk, M. Sullivan, of Lima, went to Cloverdale last Tuesday on a hunting trip.

TWO BINGS.

The Fire Department Made Two Long Runs Saturday Night.

Saturday night about 7:30 o'clock, the central fire department was called out by an alarm from box 74 at Wayne and Metcalf streets. A chicken coop at the home of Michael Girard, at Metcalf street and the Elida road, became ignited from some source and occasioned the alarm.

About 8:15 o'clock another alarm was sent in, calling the south side department and the hook and ladder truck from the central station to the Ohio House on south Main street, where a chimney was burning out.

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The total of the vote cast for Democratic and other candidates against the Hanna candidate is in excess of that for the latter by 6,390.

PAPER MILLS

Controlled by the Strawboard Trust to be Closed Down.

A telegram from Indianapolis, dated Saturday, says:

The executive committee of the strawboard trust held a meeting here this afternoon. Notice was given that all of the plants controlled by the trust will be closed down on the 26th inst., the shut-down to continue for ten days.

We sell books so cheap we cannot afford to use a column to enumerate the prices. Come and see.

DOWNWARD & SON.

Blankets. We can give you the best value in all wool white, gray or red blankets for \$2.75 a pair.

TREAT'S, 209 north Main.

Reminiscent.

"That piece," said the young man who played the piano by ear, "is a minor."

"Is it possible!" exclaimed his acquaintance.

"Couldn't you recognize it?"

"Oh, yes, I recognized it. My impression was that it was of age long ago.—Washington Star.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church

will have a Christmas Sale, in the shape of a Household Fair, on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, December 8th.

LIME AND COAL.

For fresh lime from kiln, and best Jackson Hill coal, send your orders to Wm. Pugh. All orders promptly filled. Old 'phone, No. 31.

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Homesekers' Excursion.

The Erie Lines will sell Dec. 7th and 21st round trip tickets to points in the southeast, southwest, west and northwest at very low rates.

Tickets will have a transit limit of fifteen days going, stopovers being allowed within excursion territory enroute, and will be continuous passage, returning with a final return limit of twenty one days from date of sale. Call on any Erie agent for full particulars and rates.

N. S. MORRISON, Trav. Agt.

Huntington, Ind.

F. C. MCCORMICK, Agt, Lima O.

The Best
Bargains in Lima in kid gloves, at Mrs. F. Light's.

0-65

Household Goods and Pianos

Moved in the most careful manner Storage of all kinds solicited by City Storage House. Call new 'phone.

13th E. STICKNEY, Proprietor.

Slightly Misunderstood.

"Are you going to join the football eleven?" inquired the talkative girl.

"Yes," replied the absent minded young man.

"And you will wear your hair long?"

He looked surprised, and then answered:

"I hope so. I'll wear it as many years as I can, anyhow."—Washington Star.

Coffee of very low grade,

or Coffee essence, is mixed in

every imitation of Postum,

which has a coffee taste, thus

far tested. The Counterfeite-

rs cannot make Postum, the

only pure cereal coffee, with

a coffee taste, on the market.

LARGE VOTE

Cast Against Hanna Shown by Secre-

tary Kinney's Figures.

A Condition Not At All Complimentary

to Marcus.

Secretary of State Kinney late Sat-

urday afternoon issued an official

table by counties of the vote cast at

the recent election for members of

the house and senate of the seventy-

third general assembly. He finds

that the Republican candidate for

the house received a total of 417,692

votes, the Democratic candidates

411,379; votes cast for all others,

12,703; net Republican plurality (not

majority), 6,313.

The total of pluralities for Demo-

cratic members of the house was

39,477; for Republican members, 45,-

700. The total vote cast for the sen-

ate was 420,330; for Democratic can-

didates, 409,369; all others, 10,891;

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LETTERS STOPPED IN TIME.

People Saved by Postmasters From the

Kraut of Hand Action.

"The tears were streaming from her eyes like spray from the Yerkes fountain," said a clerk in the inquiry division of the postoffice, laughing at the memory of the stout, florid woman who rushed in one hot afternoon with the plaintive wail, "Stop my letter. Give me my letter to the old country!"

"That letter," the man went on, "was dropped somewhere within the city limits and was mixed in with some 2,000,000 other letters, yet she wanted me to get it for her quick—seemed to think that I would bounce out of my chair like a rubber ball out of a tennis racket, snatch up that particular epistle and come running back breathless and hand it to her. Now, the facts are that the government does not permit the stopping of a letter that has left the writer's hands unless it is important that it should be done. It makes an enormous amount of extra work. Here is a blank that must be filled out, stating the box in which the letter was dropped, the time, the address and the reason why the request for the recovery is made. That reason sometimes discloses some very interesting and romantic facts; but, of course, most of the letters are stopped for the business houses about town. When we asked the red faced Nioche what her reason was, she boohooed, 'Me am an man had some troubles, an I wrote to my fader for moneys to go home, but my man am me have made up, an I would not have that letter go for a t'ousand dollar.' We got that letter for her."

"There was another, a young woman who rushed in here during the opera season, and when she had caught a little breath she said she wanted a letter she had addressed to Peoria, Ills. There were some \$5 opera tickets in it that she wanted to use that night. She had had a letter written to her family, and, thinking there might be a postscript to add, had not sealed it. She bought her seats to 'Tannhauser' and left the window with her purse, her letter and her tickets in her hand. The open envelope was so inviting a place for the tickets that she thought she would carry them there, but just as soon as she saw a letter box it was like a red rag to a bull. She sealed the envelope and posted it, tickets and all, and it was hours before she remembered what she had done and then came down to us for help. We got her tickets too."

"Young women who have 'reconsidered' a proposal or who regret a hasty note, like the men, blushingly confide their troubles to us, and we have prevented more than one broken heart. Sometimes the letters have left our hands and we have to telegraph to catch them, which is done at the person's expense. We have more than once cabled to Berlin and St. Petersburg to head off a bullet doux or some request from an impatient and petulant son for a check. A son of a noble German house came in here to implore us to prevent the delivery of a demand for money, written I fancy, in a tone that, in the light of recent remittances, would endanger his inheritance. There is some mighty interesting reading among the blanks requesting letters stopped, all of which are sent on to Washington."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

An Artist's Slip.

Half a century ago, says a London paper, the late Sir John Gilbert was commissioned to illustrate a short story for a London weekly. When he had finished the work, the editor remarked,

"Why, Mr. Gilbert, the story says an escort of infantry soldiers and here on the block you have given us mounted ones."

"Dear me, so I have," responded the artist, "but I haven't time to do another drawing now. Can't you make an alteration in the story to make it fit?"

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The Kenne University football team finished this season without injury to any of the players. It is claimed that not a single substitute got a chance to go into a game this season.

The governor of Missouri and the governor of Michigan are under suspicion. Although they are many miles apart, their Thanksgiving proclamations were word for word the same.

Those who are racking their brains for suggestions as to what the government shall do with the money it gets from the Pacific railroads are unnecessarily worrying themselves. The deficit caused by the Dingley tariff will soon exceed the amount the government will receive from the roads.

It isn't surprising that secretary Alger should advocate, in his annual report, our following European customs by establishing more high grade military officers. He doubtless believes that as long as we follow Europe in financial matters we should do it in everything else. There is certainly as much sense in one as in the other.

Great changes have taken place in the vote of Ohio within the past five years. In 1892 Harrison only carried the state by about 1,100 majority, while in 1893 McKinley beat Neal 80,000, and in 1894 Taylor was elected secretary of the state by 138,000 majority, the largest ever given in the state. In 1895 Gen. Bushnell received a majority of 92,600; but in 1896 it was reduced to 50,000, and

this year it has been reduced to 36,000. These facts show an immense fluctuation in the vote of the state.

Since McKinley came to trust, he has multiplied, Spain has been encouraged to keep up her war on Cuba, and cotton has gone down to four cents — St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Those disappointed bettors who quarreled with senator Platt for saying that making wagers on the election of general Tracy to the mayorality of Greater New York was like picking up money in the street, did not understand him. The senator merely meant to say that the election of general Tracy was as unlikely as picking up money in the street.

It has been generally believed and asserted that the quail would not breed in captivity, yet the contrary is proved on a farm near Eureka Springs, Ark., where a number of these birds have been kept in a coop nearly a year. One of the females has raised a fine brood of young ones. This looks as if quail breeding might in time even become as profitable as the rearing of ducks and geese.

The boiled-down essence of fact as to what is the danger to American liberty is given in the following extract from governor Pinneo's address before the Nineteenth Century Club of New York, in relation to his experience as mayor of Detroit:

I was first elected by the most intelligent people in the city. I discovered very soon after taking office that the railroads were paying less than their share of taxes. I said so, and the railroad support immediately left me. I discovered that the gas companies were charging exorbitant rates. I said so, and the owners of the stock turned their backs upon me. I found banks speculating with the city funds. I denounced the practice, and the bankers denounced me as an unsafe man. I attacked the old turnpike roads, and their owners call me an anarchist. In short, I found that every time I attempted to correct an abuse I lost a large and influential class of supporters.

It appears by the report of the secretary of the interior that there are still in the possession of the U. S. government 1,635,490,638 acres of un-

settled land. This would make something more than eleven million homesteads of 160 acres each. Still there are multitudes of city dwellers who prefer to live in one smoky and cheerless room in some city tenement where pure air never enters to one who has the courage to go out and live where light, air and water are free and uncontaminated.

W. R. C.

will meet in regular session to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in Memorial Hall. Important meeting; election of officers for the ensuing year and delegates to department convention. Let members bring their contributions for the Christmas box for the Soldiers' Home at Sandusky.

FRANCIS A. PRAGER,

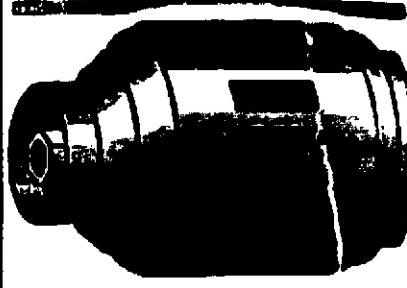
President.

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Handkerchiefs for the least money,
at Mrs. F. Light's. 0.65

For Coughs,
Colds and Lung Troubles take Rock
Candy and Pure Eye Whiskey, at the
California Wine Co. 10oz

Jewelry
and musical instruments at auction,
opposite court house. 4.50

Great Slaughter



500 pairs of Ladies' Fine Kid Shoes in sizes 2 1/2 to 3 1/2, which are worth \$2.00 to \$4.00 per pair, will be sold at

75c per Pair
This Week.

Large quantities of Fine Fashionable shoes for Men, Ladies and Children at Sacrifice Prices. For real bargains come to the

HUB SHOE STORE,

135 NORTH MAIN STREET.
100 pairs Ladies' Shoes go at 50c.

CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE!

NOW COMES THE VITAL QUESTION!

To-day, in the shadow of the approaching festivities, we desire to speak to the ladies of Lima and vicinity. This is the time when we must reach the men through the fair sex. They are puzzled for suitable presents and we feel it our duty to come to the rescue. **WHAT SHALL IT BE?** We name below, dear madam, hardly a tittle of the many gifts to be found in our modern outfitting establishment. **OUR WORD FOR IT** that vualities and prices are **MOST SATISFACTORY**—we leave the rest with you.

Our Men's Furnishing Department.

Our Furnishing Goods Department furnishes innumerable suggestions for Holiday Presents, such as

Neckwear,
Mufflers,
Linen Handkerchiefs,
Silk Handkerchiefs,
Linen Initial Handkerchiefs,
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs,
Underwear,
Kid Gloves,
Lined Kid Gloves,
Lined Kid Mocha Gloves,
Kid Mitts,
Fur Topped Kid Gloves,
Silk Suspenders,
Satin Suspenders,
Linen Collars,
Linen Cuffs,
Bath Robes,
Night Robes,
Fine Satin Night Robes,
A full line of Gents' Jewelry.



Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns and Bath Robes

In Velvet, Tricots and every imaginable fabric which they are made from.

Our Men's Clothing Department.

Frock Suits,
Sack Suits,
Overcoats,
Ulsters, Pants,
Reefer Coats and Vests,
Mackintoshes with capes and without capes.

Children's Clothing Department.

Reefer Suits,
Junior Suits,
Reefer Coats,
Vestee Suits,
Double Breasted Suits,
Sack Overcoats,
Ulsters, Cape Overcoats,
Velvet Suits,
Kilt Suits and Jersey Suits.

AN INSPECTION IS INVITED OF OUR GRAND HOLIDAY GOODS!

Come, whether you wish to purchase or not, and see the many good things we have for you.

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A. GOLDSTEIN,
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AVE YOUR MONEY

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Mrs. F. Light's Sacrifice Sale

I have bought an immense stock of Millinery and La's Furnishing Goods at a very low price for CASH, and offer these goods and all other goods in stock at HALF their value. The prices on these goods, I am sure, will be them at once. This includes everything in

MILLINERY, TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED HATS, FEATHER BOAS,

bones of all kinds, Dress Skirts, Underskirts, Corsets, Underwear, Hose, Kid Gloves, Kid and Woolen Mittens, Handkerchiefs, Stamped Linens, Dresser Scarfs, Stand Scarfs, Belts, Pocketbooks, and a full line of Novelties and Holiday Goods. Don't miss these great bargains that are offered at

MRS. F. LIGHT'S

WANTED.

RENT—M. corn dwelling, corner Waynes and McFalls streets. Inquire of Mowers, in Holgate block.

RENT—R. use of 8 rooms, all modern improvements. No. 127 north McGowen street. Rent \$10. Call on J. N. Hutton, No. 25 Opera block. 4-3t

ANTED—Furniture, stoves, men's clothing, watches and jewelry. Bar in second hand odds at 125 E Market. ATKINSON & HOFFMAN

NEY—Plenty of it to loan on real estate. Monthly payment plan. Ains & Brothers

4-3t 48 and 49 Opera House block

RENT—Seven room house—cottage—furnished—no heat. Eight dollars per month. Call at 88 Porter & a music store. 8 Main St. 12-31m

ANTED—Men in or near Lima to act as private detectives under instructions. Office unnecessary. Address Univer Detective Agency, Indianapolis, Ind. Nov. 11-3m

ANTED CLOTHING—Highest price paid for all kinds of coats, second hand clothes. Money loaned on personal property, watches, bicycles and all kinds of musical instruments. Bargains in second hand goods. 111 east Wayne street. L. A. 2-11y

Notice of Appointment.

Underwritten has been appointed and signed as a signee in trust for the benefit of creditors of James W. Sanders, of Alton, Ohio. All persons having claims against said estate will present them to the assigned assignee, T. COPLAND, Assignee. December 1, 1897. 12-3-2w

TO-NIGHT

Murray Comedy Company Open Their Engagement.

The Murray Comedy Company holds boards at the Faurot opera house week, and it is safe to say there treat in store for its patrons. Mrs. Pates, the leading lady of the company, comes to us with a number seasons' successes behind her with her companies at Canary & Lederer's Y. Casino Co., A. M. Palmer's "Sans Gens" and Wm. A. Br. "Cotton King," while Mr. Harry May is too well known to need mention. They have made a careful selection of plays, and this week will doubtless be the banner week of season. Managers Smith and Lub have secured a number of such specialty artists as the Ferguson brothers, Frank Robinson, Mina Gentry, Leora Lane, and many others, to keep the interest at a high pitch between the acts and succeed in making the evening "one continual round pleasure."

Mileage Tickets to Washington. The Pennsylvania Lines are now running at all of their principal ticket offices, for coupons of one thousand interchangeable tickets of the Interborough Association's issue, change coupon tickets to Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington, at 2 cents per mile short line distance. 2-2t

Special Auction Sale the ladies, Tuesday afternoon, inside court house. A handsome cake basket will be given away. It

Allen Hive No. 197. O. T. M., will elect officers at the annual review to-morrow night. All are requested to be there by LADY COMMANDER.

Treat's umbrellas for Xmas are selling. Buy now.

Mrs. F. Light. Now offering trimmed and untrimmed hats regardless of cost. 6-6t

Go to Bassinger & Cameron for 75¢ alarm clocks. 12-11

TWO FAST TRAINS

To Run on C. & E. Between New York and Chicago.

SEVERAL C. H. & D. CHANGES

A Wreck on the Pennsylvania Delays Passenger Trains—Wrecked Engine Arrests Attention—Other Railroad News.

The Chicago & Erie railroad in the spring will put on two new trains between New York and Chicago. The trains are to be run at the rate of fifty miles an hour and will make better time than any trains now running between these two cities. Two more fast passenger engines of the "Mother Hubbard" style are now being built and will be used in handling the trains over this division.

At present the Central Traffic Association permits the C. & E. to charge \$2 less fare than more direct lines, from Chicago to New York. Should the C. & E. put on faster trains, this privilege will probably be denied them.

MORE C. H. & D. PROMOTIONS.

Pasenger traffic manager Edwards, in pursuance of his commendable policy of filling vacancies by promotion, says the Enquirer, has appointed Anton Folger assistant ticket agent at the C. H. & D. Fifth and Baymiller street passenger depot to succeed Grant Eller, who has been appointed ticket agent to succeed John Williamson. Mr. Folger is now employed at the C. H. & D. general offices in the ticket stockroom.

Edward F. Schottman, who is now connected with the advertising department of the C. H. & D., is to succeed Mr. Folger in the stock room. The appointments are to be effective January 1, as are all the other C. H. & D. changes recently announced, except that of Walter J. Nichols as assistant general passenger agent, which is effective on the 15th inst.

NOTES.

J. R. McCartney, city passenger agent of the C. H. & D. at Cincinnati, was in the city yesterday.

North bound passenger train 2, of the Ohio Southern, due here at 11:30 o'clock was two hours and forty minutes late to-day.

J. B. McCord, T. P. A. of the C. H. & D., was in the city to-day. Mr. McCord will hereafter make his home at Toledo instead of Cincinnati.

W. S. Nichols, the newly appointed assistant traveling passenger agent of the C. H. & D., was in the city to-day calling on agent Maguire.

The Pennsylvania limited was over two hours late Saturday. The delay was caused by a freight wreck near Altoona which blocked the track several hours.

Supt. C. H. Cory, of the motive power department of the C. H. & D., is at Ironton attending a damage suit that is being tried there against the C. H. & D.

The C. & E. people have granted the Wells-Fargo Express Company a right to handle express on train 6, between Marion and Chicago, during the holiday business.

The engine that was wrecked on the C. & E. at Westminster last Friday night attracted considerable attention in the C. & E. yards Saturday afternoon and evening.

Foreman Charles Long, of the C. & E. yards, resumed his duties to-day, after having been confined to his home on account of a case of diphtheria in his family.

The Erie will run tourist cars three days a week each way. These cars are neat and comfortable, with berths especially designed for passengers traveling second class. Considerable economy can be practiced by traveling in these cars, which will be carried on first class trains.

INHERITANCE

Law Does Not Apply to Bequests to the State, Nation or for Education

An Important Ruling by Ohio's Attorney-General

C. E. Finley's class of beginners will meet Tuesday evening at the Armory. Terpsichorean Club Thursday evening. Juvenile class Saturday at 2:30 p.m. 3-2t

Dancing School.

For the only place to store goods—the city storage house. All goods packed and stored separate.

13th E. STICKNEY, Proprietor.

Jackets. Every jacket in our house can now be bought at reduced prices. See our black jacket at 94-75

TREAT'S, 2-6t 208 North Main.

After December 1st

E. Gale will occupy the store south of Burnett House formerly occupied by J. W. Rowland. m w 12-15

On the face of the law attorney

general Monnett said the law was applicable to the bequest, but under an older statute, which exempts property of the state and of the United States, and also property used in work of education from taxation of all kinds, he holds that it is exempt from the inheritance act.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends for their kindness and sincere sympathy extended us in our recent and extremely sad bereavement, the loss of our only child.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK GRANT.

Dr. J. H. Heileman, office 563 south Main street. Will do a general practice. Calls promptly made day or night. Telephone 425-3-1f

Great Bargains in ostrich feather hats, at Mrs. F. Light's. 0-6t

Treat's stock of Plain and Fancy Ribbons will please you. Buy now. 2-6t

Felst & Harper for Coal. 8-7t

Chas. Tucker Repairs All kinds of watches and jewelry at Vortkamp's drug store. 2-3tf

DAN SAYLIFF

Likely to Have a Go With George La Blanche, the Marine.

Who Put the Snowwhite Jack Dempsey to Sleep With a Pivot Blow.

A dispatch from Chillicothe, Ohio, says:

It is probable that the first contest that will take place before the Chillicothe Athletic Club will be between George La Blanche, the Marine, and Dan Sayliff, the heavy weight champion of Ohio. The famous ex-middle weight champion of the United States is at present visiting friends here, and as soon as the match is arranged will go into training here. It is desired to pull off the contest early in January.

Sayliff has, up the present time, declined to meet La Blanche, but the latter has expressed himself as willing to give away many pounds of weight and make a number of other concessions, so that Sayliff can have no reasonable excuse to decline the match. If he does decline it some other pugilist will be secured to go on with the Marine and a good fight is being looked forward to. If Fo-

AT Van De Grift's

PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY

You can get the latest style mountings and the best work.

Photographs are always an acceptable Christmas present to your friends. 56½ Public Square.

garty and George Haynes arrange another match the Chillicothe club will make a strong bid for the contest, as Haynes is a prime favorite there and his friends would like to see him in another fight. The work of fitting up permanent headquarters for the club will be pushed forward without delay and when completed will be convenient and well appointed in every way.

Treat's Kid Glove stock is right. Every pair warranted. Buy now. 2-6t

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church will have a Christmas Sale, in the shape of a Household Fair, on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, December 8th. 3-3t

LOOK OUR WAY!

24 DOZEN

Sterling Silver Thimbles

15c TO-DAY ONLY.

This offer is made simply to induce you to see our Holiday Goods. Cut this ad. out—it is good for 10 cents on ANY OTHER PURCHASE in our store to-day. This is done to test the effectiveness of the two newspapers in use.

MAGDONALD & CO.

147 NORTH MAIN.

OLD POST OFFICE.

G. E. BLUEM. 57 PUBLIC SQUARE. G. E. BLUEM.

The Holiday Dream Soon to Be Fulfilled.

This store has proved its advantages as a shopping place. By next Wednesday Santa Claus will be here at this store and then the holiday trade will be on in earnest.

A great many useful gifts on sale now and at bargain prices, so you will do well to buy them now before the great rush comes. It will save you both money and time.

Your Holiday Dress Patterns.

Nicely put up in a box would make a nice Christmas gift.

Dress Patterns for \$4.50.

Dress Patterns for 5.25.

Dress Patterns for 5.28.

Dress Patterns for 7.00.

Dress Patterns for 8.75.

Fancy Silks For Waist Patterns.

This week we put on sale light shades of Brocaded Silks worth \$2.00 per yard, for \$1.25 and \$1.38.

Kid Gloves For the Holidays.

With every \$1.25 pair of Kid Gloves a handsome box goes with them.

Ladies' Purses.

Make nice Christmas Gifts. We also have a neat box to put them in.

Black Dress Goods.

What could there be better than a nice black Dress for a Christmas gift. We are now showing one of the best assortments of Black Dress Goods we have ever shown.

Choice Books, Dolls,

Stamped Linens,

Blankets,

Underwear,

Fancy Pillows,

Table Linens

And

Napkins to match.

G. E. BLUEM.

57 PUBLIC SQUARE.

The Dry Goods, Dress Goods and Cloak House.

COLD CURE

HE COMES BACK PRIMED

Minister Hoshi Returns to the United States.

MAY BE SERIOUS TROUBLE

In the Event of the Annexation of Hawaii, says Toru—Japan Has Interests There Which the United States Should Respect.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Toru Hoshi, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from Japan to the United States, was a passenger from the Orient on the steamship City of Pekin.

He left for Washington, carrying with him important instructions in reference to the Hawaiian treaty of annexation, which will be considered by the United States Senate.

Several months ago he hurriedly left Washington for Japan. He left just after the publication of his correspondence with Secretary Sherman with reference to the Hawaiian question. Dispatches from Washington declared that he was angry with Sherman and the administration for their advocacy of annexation.

"I know," he said, "that my recent trip to Japan has been misconstrued by some of the American newspapers. I believe my relations with the Washington authorities are amicable. My relations with Secretary Sherman are not strained.

"I desire to say positively that Japan is opposed to the annexation of Hawaii by the United States. The recent reports that Japan had withdrawn her opposition are untrue. Japan has certain interests in the Sandwich Islands which the United States should respect. I believe this matter will be amicably adjusted."

"There may be serious trouble if the United States annexes the Islands without regard to our interests there. But I do not believe the United States will act unfairly. Japan is very friendly with this country, and there is certainly a way by which the annexation question can be settled satisfactorily to both great nations. I return with certain instructions from my government.

"Japan has in the Hawaiian Islands about 20,000 of her people. Hawaii has a treaty with Japan permitting the latter to send immigrants there, and also imports for the use of the latter. Hawaii has violated this treaty, and our claim for this violation has not been settled. We want our claim settled after annexation, if not before that time.

"Hawaii deported some of our Japanese immigrants. That is in violation of her treaty with Japan. Hawaii has also levied a discriminating duty on Japanese mine imports. That was another violation of the treaty. Hawaii would certainly act in the matter of our claim if the United States would use her good offices."

AN EXCITING NIGHT.

Prairie Fire Sweeps With Lightning Speed Over the Country.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 6.—A disastrous prairie fire swept over the county, where it fed on the high and dry grass and was fanned by a strong south wind. The fire started near Ruth postoffice, near the county line, and spread with lightning speed.

It was an exciting night among the farmers, who fought like demons to preserve their crops, the women and children assisting.

The canyons running east and west along Trail creek finally stopped the fire, but only after serious property loss had been entailed. Many tales of narrow escape are told.

Luetger Testify.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Adolph L. Luetgert will take the witness stand and tell his story regarding the disappearance of his wife on May 1. Attorney Harmon, for the defense, has decided on this course. Luetgert was very desirous of testifying at the first trial, and the refusal of his counsel to allow it was probably the chief cause for the latter's withdrawal from the case.

Italian Immigrants.

New York, Dec. 6.—The Prince Line steamer Trojan Prince, which arrived from Leghorn, Genoa and Naples, brought from the latter port 1,000 steerage passengers, the greater portion of them being women and children. This is the largest number of Italian immigrants brought by any one steamer to this port in many months.

"Sooners" Are Scarce.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 6.—E. L. Hews, the Wichita mountain boomer, who has been here three weeks seeking to organize a party, left for Oklahoma City, O. T., without a single follower. At different times Hews claimed to have from 500 to 10,000 boomers ready to follow his lead into the country.

Got Another Job.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Rev. Mgr. Joseph Schroeder, the professor of dogmatic theology at the Catholic university, Washington, has been appointed by the Prussian minister of education and ecclesiastical affairs to the faculty of the Catholic seminary at Munster, capital of Westphalia.

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MOTHER'S MISTAKE.

LIMA MOTHERS MAKE IT BUT WITH A LITTLE LIGHT THERE NEED BE NONE

Incontinence of urine is far too prevalent amongst children. Some are ushered into the world with weak urinary organs. Cold readily affects the muscles that control the bladder in others, and cases have occurred where for the retention in school or church brought on a long and stubborn attack. Be the causes what they may one thing is certain, on the parents rests the responsibility of stopping this so called habit in the bud.

It is criminal to allow a child to grow to an old age afflicted with an offensive, distressing ailment, when a remedy, a cure, certain remedy, can easily be procured. We are not overdriving this case. There are dozens of instances met with in a physician's practice where the victims struggle silently and bravely to conquer in manhood what their parents should have stopped in infancy and as their struggles prove abortive, they cannot prevent a feeling of resentment when they meditate on the carelessness that snared their lives. All Lima mothers can avoid this mistake and profit by the statement of a Lima resident.

Mr. Wm. Maurer, Five Dept. No. 1, says: "I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at W. M. Melville's drug store, No. 147 N. Main St., for my little boy, aged five years. He has been troubled with incontinence of the urine during the night. I had given him several highly recommended medicines without obtaining any satisfaction. I spoke to our physician about it and he said he would give me a prescription that would fit it up all right, but his medicine had no more effect than what I had tried before. Reading of Doan's Kidney Pills and what they were doing as a kidney medicine, I thought I would try them. I am very much pleased that I did. I gave him two a day and immediately he was all right, and he has remained so. I tell you they are a good medicine for the kidneys and from this out I shall highly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers, price, 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name, DOAN'S, and take no substitute.

He Didn't Bombard.

When Admiral Canavery was in command of the international fleet at Crete, he gave instructions to Captain Graffagni, commander of the cruiser Stromboli, to go near Kissamos and defend a Turkish fort threatened by the insurgents. The captain, whose wife is a Greek, seemed little enthusiastic over his mission and remarked, "But do you think, admiral, it is really necessary to bombard the insurgents?"

"That you will have to decide when you are there. If necessary, you must bombard—at least that is what the admirals have decided."

"Think, admiral," exclaimed the other, "what my wife will say when she knows I have bombarded the Cretans, her Greek brothers!"

"Dear Graffagni," returned the admiral, "I should begin to think what my mother would have said of me, for she was as Greek as your wife."

The Stromboli left, but the news never came that she bombarded the insurgents.—New York Tribune.

Loved the Bottle Before He Had Teeth.

At No. 82 Warwick Ave., Zanesville, O., lives Mrs. R. H. Mills, who relates the following experience: "I have used Dr. Hand's Teething Lotion and find it all that it claims to be. Our little boy cut his teeth so hard that he almost bled. Bathing his gums with the lotion would relieve him immediately. He knew the bottle better than all others and would cry for it. I advise every mother who has teething children to use Dr. Hand's Teething Lotion." At all druggists, 25c.

Why He Did Not Go.

Dukane—Hello, Gaswell, didn't you tell me that you intended to leave Pittsburgh yesterday, and sail from New York to-day for Europe?

Gaswell—That was the intention, but it rained.

No Humbug.

Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim to perform miracles. It does not claim to cure all cases of consumption or asthma. But it claims to give comfort and relief in advanced stages of the disease and to usually cure early stages. It is certainly worth trying by those afflicted with these dread diseases.

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The Real Thing.

Mudge—Won't you try one of these cigarettes? They are the real thing.

Yabday—I thought they smelled as if they were all wool.—Indianapolis Journal.

Don't Borrow Trouble.

If you are bilious or your liver is out of order, or blame Providence for your bad luck. Take a dose of Carter's Cascara Pills; they will tone up your liver, clear your brain and help you see things clearly. Price, 25c. For sale by Wm. M. Melville and Howard B. Hooper.

Tis Midnight!

Hark! All through the house rings the awful sound, once heard never forgotten, the sound of a child's group cough. There is no time to lose. Group is a monster that will not be trifled with. Then is the time that if you have neglected to provide yourself with a bottle of Dr. Hand's Cough and Croup Medicine you fully realize how careless and neglectful you have been. It is worth its weight in gold at that critical moment. And yet it costs only 25c a bottle at any drug store.

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GROWING WEAKER.

Mother McKinley Again Sustained With Walking Spells.

Canton, O., Dec. 6.—Mother McKinley's spark of life still burns dimly. Her condition has continued one of steadily wasting away, the constitution growing weaker hour by hour under the assault of the disease.

The family watched by the bedside all day, prepared for the end at any moment, and sometimes fearing that it had come, as the patient was seized with sinking spells such as they previously took for a second stroke of paralysis.

During these attacks she would perceptibly weaken, almost cease to breathe, and show scarcely a sign of animation. For the most part these spells were limited to half an hour, and when they were over she would resume the quiet repose characteristic of the entire illness.

At 9:45 p. m. Dr. Phillips left Mrs. McKinley. He said she was growing weaker rapidly now, and he scarcely thought she would survive the night. She is in no pain or distress, simply quietly passing away.

AGAIN IN WASHINGTON.

President and Mrs. McKinley Will Leave For Canton.

Washington, Dec. 6.—President McKinley, accompanied by Assistant Secretary Day, arrived in Washington over the Pennsylvania railroad.

A message was received from Ahner McKinley at Canton saying that the president's mother was resting in about the same condition as when he left Canton—sleeping and unconscious. She might last through the day, or even one or two days longer, but was liable to die at any moment.

Arrangements have been made for the return trip to Canton this evening. The president, Mrs. McKinley and a party of half a dozen close friends and relatives will leave Washington at 7:20 p. m. and arrive in Canton about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Eloped With a Valet.

Vienna, Dec. 6.—Comtesse Eugene, daughter of the wealthy Comte Cerchi, eloped some time ago with a Servian named Chevitch, supposed by her to be a captain in the Servian army. He ill treated her and recently they parted.

Now it turns out that Chevitch was only an officer's valet, and had already married a Servian kitchen maid.

Mysterious Blaze.

Pittsburg, Dec. 6.—The warehouse of Julius De Long & Company, hair, felt and carpet lining manufacturers, on Concord street, Allegheny, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, insured. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Treaty Defeated.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 6.—At Saturday's election in the Chickasaw nation the ratification of the Dawes-Checotah treaty was overwhelmingly defeated. The adopted and intermarried citizens were not permitted to participate in the election.

Fight Declared Off.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—The verbal agreement between the managers for Peter Jackson and Jim Jeffries, for a 20-round contest in this city, has been declared off.

MARKET REPORTS.

Grain and Stock Quotations For Dec. 4.

New York.

Beef—Family, \$4 50/cwt. extra mess.

\$7 50/cwt. packed; \$8 50/cwt. extra meat.

Pickled bellies, \$1 50/cwt.; pickled shoulders, \$1 50/cwt.; hams, \$1 50/cwt.

Lard—Western, \$4 50/cwt. 45c.

Pork—Old mess, \$8 50/cwt. 45c.

Butter—Western dairy, 12 1/2/cwt.; creamery, 14 1/2/cwt.; do factory, 11 1/2/cwt. Cheese.

State large, \$3 50/cwt.; small, \$2 50/cwt.

part skins, \$1 50/cwt.; full skins, 2 1/2/cwt. Eggs—State and Pennsylvania, 21 1/2/cwt.; western fresh, 20 1/2/cwt.

Wheat—90c Corn—30c Oats—25c.

Rye—50c

Pittsburg.

Cattle—Choice, \$4 75/cwt. 45c; good, \$4 50/cwt.

fair, \$4 25/cwt.; common, \$3 50/cwt. 40c; poor, \$3 25/cwt.

Bulls, steers, and cows, \$3 00/cwt. 40c.

Fresh cows, \$3 00/cwt.

Hogs—Yorker, \$3 40/cwt. 45c; medium, \$3 40/cwt. 45c; heavy, \$3 40/cwt. 45c; rough, \$2 50/cwt. 30c; pigs, \$1 50/cwt. 30c.

Sheep—Choice, \$4 50/cwt. 40c; good, \$4 45/cwt. 40c; fair, \$4 10/cwt. 30c; common, \$3 50/cwt. 30c; lambs, \$3 50/cwt. 30c.

Chickens—Pullet, \$1 50/cwt. 40c; pullets, \$1 25/cwt. 40c; cockerels, \$1 25/cwt. 40c.

Lambkins, \$1 25/cwt. 40c; stockers and feeders, \$3 00/cwt. 40c.

Hog—light, \$1 90/cwt. 45c; medium, \$2 10/cwt. 45c; heavy, \$2 15/cwt. 45c; tough, \$1 60/cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Choice sheep, \$4 40/cwt. 45c; common, \$3 50/cwt. 40c; choice lambs, \$4 00/cwt. 45c; exports, \$3 00/cwt. 40c.

Wheat—90c Corn—25c Oats—20 1/2c.

Rye—40c

Bacon.

Cattle—Butcher, \$4 50/cwt. 45c; shipping, \$4 60/cwt. 45c; best steers, \$4 80/cwt. 45c; good, \$4 50/cwt. 45c; steers and fenders, \$4 00/cwt. 40c.

Hogs—Yorkers and lights, \$3 50/cwt. 45c; medium and heavy, \$3 75/cwt. 45c; slugs and roughs, \$3 00/cwt. 40c.

Sheep and lambs—Sheep, \$3 50/cwt. 45c; lambs, \$3 00/cwt. 40c.

Cattle—steers, \$3 25/cwt. 40c; heifers, \$3 00/cwt.

Bulls, \$2 50/cwt. 40c; cows, \$2 00/cwt. 40c.

Lambs, \$1 50/cwt. 40c.

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The C. H. & D. R. sell passenger tickets to the south west on Dec. 6, 7, 20 and 21. Only one fare round trip, \$1.00.

Hunters Report

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State Garage, Columbus, Ohio, De-ember 13th to 17th.

Account of the above, agents of the C. H. & D. in Ohio, will make rate of one third fare for the round trip. Tick will be sold December 13th and 14th, and be good returning from Columbus until January 18th, inclusive.

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If You Want Information About Home-Doctors' Examinations.

Direct agents of the Pennsylvania Line furnish information regarding Home-Doctors' Examinations to various cities in the state, and also west and south. It is best to investigate if you contemplate a trip to nearest Pennsylvania Line agent, or address O. C. Rimbald, agent general passenger agent, Cleveland.

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NEW CHEESE TESTS.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY MADE AS TO THE RIPENING PROCESS.

It is Not Due to Bacteria—Ferments in Milk Said to Cause the Great Change. Results of Tests Made by Drs. Babcock and Russell.

What is probably the most important discovery in the history of dairy science has recently been made by Dr. S. M. Babcock and Dr. H. L. Russell of the Wisconsin university experiment station. They have discovered and have, they think, proved beyond any question that the ripening of cheese is not due to bacteria in the milk product, but that it is caused by ferments in the milk. They have made hundreds of test analyses and are sure that the result they reached is correct.

Dr. Babcock and Dr. Russell have been investigating this subject for more than three years. Culture of the various organisms tried after the current methods failed to produce the desired result. The doctors faithfully reproduce results reported by their European colleagues, and still no hypothesis could be advanced that did not have a serious flaw at one point or another. It was only after they broke away from all current and accepted methods that any sign of success rewarded their endeavors.

A chemical analysis of cheese reveals the fact that the casein, or green curd, which is insoluble at first, is gradually converted in the curing process into soluble substances such as peptones. In this soluble condition the constituents of the cheese can be readily digested, and its value as a food consists largely in this change, which is also accompanied by the development of peculiar flavors that are characteristic of different kinds of cheese. No satisfactory explanation, however, has been assigned for this series of chemical transformations.

The production of the characteristic flavors in the different varieties of cheese is believed by the Wisconsin investigators to be due to the action of bacteria. But they feel confident that they can now demonstrate that the fundamental change in the casein is brought about purely by chemical changes dissociated from living organisms. The discovery of these ferments in milk is in itself matter of considerable scientific importance, but when considered in relation to cheese ripening it has a practical bearing that enhances its theoretical value.

A study of cheese from a bacteriological point of view shows that it is fairly teeming with such microscopic forms of life as bacteria. These in the main come from the milk itself, but even after the cheese is made they grow so luxuriantly that hundreds of millions are found in every mouthful of food. The kinds that are most concerned in this growth are those that form sour milk, but the perplexing problem has been to reconcile the presence of this type of life with the breaking down of cheese, inasmuch as the sour milk or lactic acid organisms are unable to form soluble substances from insoluble proteins.

Instead of relying upon heat to destroy all signs of organic life that exist in the milk Drs. Babcock and Russell tried chemicals, like ether and chloroform, and, much to their surprise, they found that the milk itself, without the power of any organisms whatever, had the power of undergoing a series of changes that were practically the same as those that take place in the ripening of cheese. Following up this clew, they were soon able to demonstrate that this spontaneous digestion was due to the presence of ferments of a peculiar character that were inherent in the milk itself. These ferments, known technically to scientists as enzymes, are peculiar substances of a purely unorganized nature, but which at the same time possess characteristics that ally them closely to living things.

The processes of digestion in the animal body as well as many of the phenomena that occur in the plant kingdom are controlled in the main by the action of these ferments. Most of these enzymes are able to do their "work" in the presence of anesthetics while such substances almost immediately inhibit the growth of bacteria. Thus by keeping milk under conditions where bacterial action was excluded they were able to follow the changes that were solely due to the enzymes in the milk itself. A chemical analysis of such milks at different periods showed the same kind of decomposition products as are ordinarily found in a well ripened cheese. Moreover, these products gradually accumulated in quantity, showing a progressive action of the ferment.

As enzymes readily attach themselves to solid bodies it was thought that they might be found in a more concentrated form in the slime that gathers on the separator bowl after separating the cream from the milk. When slime was kept under proper conditions, the same results were obtained. Finally they were able to isolate from this material enzymes in a relatively pure condition, so that when these purified ferments were submitted to test the same action went much faster than before. Inasmuch as the course of the changes that occurred in milk kept under anesthetics was step for step identical with the changes that occurred in cheese, it was thought that the ripening change might also be due to these enzymes instead of to the bacteria.

Milk drawn with great care from the animal and immediately treated with ether and chloroform was then made into cheese. This broke down quite as fast as cheese cured under normal conditions, thus showing it was possible to ripen cheese as far as the breaking down of the casein was concerned purely by the action of these ferments.

Both Dr. Babcock and Dr. Russell are known as eminent agricultural scientists. The former is the chief chemist at the Wisconsin university experiment station and the latter the bacteriologist.—Chicago Times-Herald.

THEN OR NOW?

"When I am dead, sweetheart," you say.
"Think of me always at my best.
When o'er my head fall grasses sway
And to my dear and dreamless rest
Nor sob nor call nor sneer can pierce
And land of tongue and stab of pain,
Though love be lead and hate be fire,
Are less than nothing to me then.
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"My poor pete lies no more can ask
Your gentler thought for faulst wrong
Nor love divisor stoning task
And later in it, glad and strong.
Ignore, then, faults that now you chide.
The hasty word, the careless men
And causeless heat and foolish pride
Forget, as if they ne'er had been.

"If mom'ry from our past evoke
One moment of divine surprise,
When all the angel in me woke
And you glimpsed Eden in my eyes;
If I, surcease of care and pain
And faithless to heart famine brought
In reverie live that time again
And thus enshrine me in your thought."

"And I make answer, love of mine:
"Think of me at my best today.
This hour renew surprise divine.
Let Ellen's light and fragrance play
into our lives while they are one.
Why should I wait to be forgiven
Till follies and till faults are done
And I am out of reach in heaven?"

"What chasm has death? The grave what
art
To rightall wrong? Do tears make sweet
The Marsh of the human heart?
Beloved, while our pulses beat
With very joy of living, while
I lay my head upon your breast
And drink your words and feel your smile.
Thus—now—think of me at my best!"
—Harper's Bazaar.

Many Luncheons All Alike.

The inhabitants of a small village not 20 miles from Bradford are noted for a peculiar fondness for currant cake. A stranger who had obtained work in one of the factories there had an example of this. He had taken his breakfast with him, tied up in a cotton handkerchief, and on his arrival at the mill he was looking around for a place to put it in until the meal hour should arrive.

The foreman, seeing his dilemma, called out to him: "What has ta i' thi henkercher, lad?"

"Currant cake," was the reply.

"Well," said he, pointing to a whole pile of breakfast handkerchiefs, "the can chuck it on that heap wi' t'others; they all alike!"

—London Telegraph.

Life Seamed a Burden.

"I was very nervous and could not sleep at night. I had no appetite and felt that life was almost a burden. I was not benefitted by the prescriptions tried and began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. I have taken four bottles and am now as well as I ever was in my life." Miss Ora B. Crum, Elk, Ohio.

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Shut Off.

"There is one thing I can't understand," he began to say.

"Only one?" she got in, and then he went away without telling her what it was.—Cleveland Letter.

Sneez and Cough.

The man who scoffs at the friendly advice to "take something for that cough," will keep on coughing until he changes his mind or changes his earthly residence. A great many scoffers have been converted by the use of the standard remedy—Carter's Cough Cure. But some are scoffing yet; they wheeze with asthma, bark yet, with bronchitis or groan with the grippe. Singular, isn't it? the number of stubborn people, who persist in gambling with health and perhaps life as the stake, when they might be effectually cured of cold or lung trouble, by a few doses of Carter's Cough Cure. Price, 25c. For sale by Wm. M. Melville and Howard B. Hovey.

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DOES SHE LOVE ME?

Does she love me? That is Grasbie—
Far too deep for me to know.
Do the sweet lips always speak
From the heart's deep overflow?
Can I tell each gentle sigh
Is the breath of answering love?
Are the glances of her eye
Forced by Cupid or by love?
Only this I'm known—
That I love her, her alone.
Only this I clearly see—
She is more than earth can be
And full half of heaven to me.

Does she love me? I know
Christ has risen from the tomb!
Or where roses, when they blow,
Get their color and perfume?
Faith would have no mission here,
Hope would still in heaven be,
If I did not trust the dear
Pledges of her love for me.
Though I cannot prove it mine
By an algebraic sign,
Yet, as love divinely grows,
It believes and feels known.
Thus through soul and every sense
Her true love gives evidence,
And I clear and clearer see
She is more than earth can be
And full half of heaven to me.
—Charles M. Dickinson.

A WOMAN'S WIT.

She Braved Her Husband's Anger and
Booted Him to Success.

"Know him?" asked one of the two men talking at the corner as he nodded toward a handsome old gentleman just passing by. "No? Well, sir, that's Dr. Blank, the noted surgeon. I've known him ever since we used to frequent the same swimming hole. Just how long that was before the war I'm not going to say. He beat me in the race for the girl that he married, and if he hadn't the chances that the doctor would still be driving, night and day, over a little back country, attending to practice that couldn't pay if it wanted to."

"When they were back there in the woods he was performing operations that no other member of the profession had thought of undertaking, she gathered from the talk of friendly doctors in the same section that he was original, daring and successful. She begged him to advertise his abilities, but he sternly rebuked her for asking him to transgress the ethics of the profession.

"But you know how it is when a bright woman sets her head. The doctor's office was a shabby little den without carpet, window shades, pictures or anything else but the plainest furniture. He resisted all her efforts to change this. One evening he came home from a 36 hours' stay with a patient to find that office so transformed in velvet carpet, tapestries and pictures that he flatly declined to enter it. His wife was away on a visit. Men had been there, done the work and disappeared. There were no bills, the home merchants knew nothing, and the doctor was so mad that he advertised everything for sale. The thing was told in the local papers as a huge joke, and incidentally there were related some of the stories of how he took people apart and put them together again. City papers copied and city doctors ridiculed. This riled Blank. He proved that he had worked greater wonders than were credited to him, and he was famous. The means and the end were the work of the little woman who had figured them out before giving a secret commission to furnish that office."

—Detroit Free Press.

Herrmann and the Cheat.

A characteristic story is told of Herrmann. The incident took place at a well known London club, where ecarte was one of the favorite games indulged in for stakes by no means insignificant. It was observed that on these occasions a certain member almost invariably rose a considerable winner. At length so marked became the good fortune of this member that another determined to probe the matter to the bottom. One evening, accordingly, at his own rooms, he introduced Herrmann under a false name to a select party of the members, among whom figured the suspected one. At the close of the night's amusement, when the guests had departed, the host turned to the conjurer and demanded his opinion. "Not a doubt of it," replied Herrmann, "our friend cheats, but exactly how I can't say yet. Give me another chance." A second meeting was subsequently arranged, and play began. Suddenly Herrmann, looking straight at the supposed culprit, exclaimed, "Where did you get that king?" "Wher?" replied the other. "Out of the pack, of course." "Impossible, my dear sir," retorted Herrmann, "for I happen to have all the four kings here," and therewith he calmly drew them from his sleeve and laid them on the table.—St. James Gazette.

AN IMPOSING MONUMENT.

Battlefield Commission Designed a Share to Be Erected on Missionary Ridge.

The Illinois Chickamauga commission recently decided on the design for the monument to be erected on Missionary Ridge in commemoration of Illinois troops who participated in the battle around Chattanooga. The base will be 60 feet square and the total height 60 feet. The structural material will be of granite, and it will hold bronze figures, representing the cavalry, infantry, naval and artillery branches of the service, and there will be four panels upon which to inscribe the names of the regiments and such other data as the commission may decide upon. The crowning feature of the monument will be a 12 foot figure of Peace in bronze. The cost of the whole structure is not to exceed \$18,000. This shaft will be the most striking erected by any of the states on Missionary Ridge, not excepting the handsome one built by Georgia.

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Such Capes and Jackets as we are offering have not been shown anywhere this winter for the prices asked here. The collections are entirely new, and include as they do, the choicest and newest styles, they are suggested as appropriate Christmas gifts.

Christmas Toys.

Dolls that laugh, cry and roll their eyes, soldiers and maidens that sigh great sighs, lions, tigers, bears, elephants, fierce and strong, and horses and wagons that never go wrong. Then there are cows, goats, dogs and pigs, and clowns in the funniest of many rigs; some of the dogs jump, bark and play, while others seem to know what to say; There are hay wagons, trucks and drays in line, and toys made of iron from some dark mine. Drums, horns, manegories and games, and hundreds of other things without names.

While doing your Christmas shopping don't fail to see our

5 cent Holiday Table.

10 cent Holiday Table.

cent Holiday Table.

25 cent Holiday Table.

50 cent Holiday Table.

LODGE OF SORROW.

Impressive Memorial Service Conducted by the Elks

AT FAUBOT'S OPERA HOUSE

Excellent Addresses Delivered by Judge W. T. Mooney, Hon. W. D. Davies and Rev. I. J. Miller—Fine Music Numbers.

"Come Rain or Shine,
All seeing and hearing,
Look down on us and bless our work
And be all glory Thine!"

"Oh! hear our prayers for our honored dead,
While bearing in our minds the memories of those dear
For God long live."

The memorial services conducted by the local lodge, No. 162 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Faubot's opera house yesterday were beautiful and impressive. The opera house was none too spacious for the accommodation of the attendance for these services are always appreciated by the public, and the attendance yesterday was even larger than usual. Members of the lodge officiated as ushers and special attention was given to the comfort of several hundred ladies in attendance. A tier of chairs in the forward center of the lower floor was reserved for members of the lodge who arrived from the lodge rooms in a body at 3 o'clock.

Manager Hyde, of the opera house, furnished for the occasion a stage setting that presented a beautiful scene. Flowers and stately palms were banked behind the footlights across the front of the stage, while above, from the curtain draperies to the foliage of the artificial trees in the rear a profusion of evergreen was draped. The stage was occupied by the singers and speakers and the following officers of the lodge: H. D. Campbell, exalted ruler; Dr. D. H. Sullivan, (acting) esteemed leading knight; W. A. DuGraw, esteemed loyal knight; A. M. Hughes, lecturing knight; R. E. Wallace, exquire; Amos Young, treasurer; H. W. Frederick, secretary; W. E. Booth, inner guard; H. W. Johnson, tyler. Dr. Sullivan performed the duties of the office of esteemed leading knight in the absence of Mr. J. A. Louy, who is ill.

The exercises began with the rendering of "The Dying Post," an appropriate overture, by Prof. E. H. Gray and his orchestra. The composition is one of superb harmony and as said as the title would indicate. The orchestra never was better and played the piece by request, having rendered it at the same service a year ago. The overture was followed by the opening exercises of the lodge, conducted by exalted ruler H. D. Campbell. This service concluded with the singing of the opening ode by the lodge, and the invocation by Rev. I. J. Miller, of the Spring Street Lutheran Church.

The remainder of the programme was devoted to the addresses and the excellent musical numbers that interspersed. After the singing of the appropriate anthem, "Domine Misericordia Duddy Buck," by a quartet composed of Misses Blanche Numan and Alice Fisher and Mearns, John Miller and Charles Crockett, with Prof. Walton E. Clark officiating at the piano, Judge W. T. Mooney began his address. After eloquent words of introduction, in which the brotherly love and charity of the Elks' order were well portrayed, the speaker dwelt upon the fitness and beauty of the memorial service and repeated the following appropriate lines:

"One morning in Median walked our Lord Among the tombs; glad was the dawn, and broad the sun; and on footstones sunshine lay."

Earth seemed so fair it was hard to be away.

"O people of the grave!" Mohammed said. "Peace be with you. Your caravan of dead hath passed the dale, and we living ones, People who com ye were, of whom the sons, And what your merchandise and where ye went; But Allah knows these things! Be ye content Since Allah is aware." Ah, God forgive These that are dead and us who briefly live."

Judge Mooney spoke at some length upon the principles and purposes of the order, and at the close was followed by Miss Fisher and Mr. Crockett, who sang a duet, "Rejoice in the Lord," with excellent effect.

Hon. W. D. Davies, of Sidney, was the second speaker, and he delivered an eloquent and scholarly address. To attempt to give a portion of it here without giving the whole would be like plucking the rose without its sweet scent. Mr. Davies' address was well prepared and equally well delivered, and it was both fitting to the service and appreciated by the speaker's attentive auditors.

At the close of Mr. Davies' address, Miss Numan sang an appropriate selection that was greatly enjoyed. Miss Numan has a clear, sweet voice and it is almost perfectly controlled.

Rev. I. J. Miller, of the Spring Street Lutheran Church, was the last speaker, and although the audience had already been seated more than two hours, his words of eloquence held his auditors in close attention for another half hour. The theme of his address was, "What Is Man," and his words were such as lead men to a higher plane in mortal life and hope for brighter scenes in the future immortal one.

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TALES OF THE TOWN.

Election of W. K. O. officers tomorrow evening.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kora, of 513 north Main street, a son.

James Quinn was arrested by policeman Conway, to-day, for drunkenness.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Coolahan, of 222 west Grand avenue, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sacchini, of High and Cole streets, a ten-pound boy.

Patrolman C. B. Seeds resumed his duties Saturday night, after a few days illness.

Mrs. Will Keifer, of Forest avenue is confined to her bed, suffering from an attack of malarial fever.

The Lady Macabees of Lima Hive No. 43 will meet Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th, in their hall in the Donzo Club.

Dr. Van Note is now occupying his handsome new residence at Market and West streets, the Tirrell property, which he recently purchased.

J. R. Mowen & Sons have the contract for building the new works for Frank F. Fox's plant in south Lima. Work will be begun within a short time.

Chief Frank Lewis, of the fire department, who has been very ill at his home on south Main street, for several weeks, is still in a dangerous condition.

Fathers Manning and Mooney are again occupying the parsonage, they having been absent from it during the past week, on account of shifting the house from its former place to a new position.

Macdonald has an attractive offer in this edition of the TIMES-DEMOCRAT, in which he offers a silver thimble for 15 cents. The advertisement clipped out of the paper is good for 10 cents on any other purchase.

The tenth district convention of the Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church will be held in Wapakoneta, O., Wednesday and Thursday, December 8th and 9th. A large attendance of the members is desired.

LABOR AND CIVILIZATION.

Enthusiastic Labor Service at Market Street Presbyterian Church.

An Eloquent Discourse by Rev. E. J. Thomas, D. D., Pastor of the Church.

The tenth anniversary of the founding of the barbers' union was observed by a large and enthusiastic gathering at Market Street Presbyterian Church, lastevening. Careful preparation had been made for the occasion. Special music was prepared by the choir and programmes containing the hymns for the evening were placed in the hands of each attendant. The friends of labor were also present in force to amplify the honor the day and cause.

The barbers' union proceeded to the church in a body, and were received by the officers of the church and ushered into front seats of the auditorium. The opening exercises were heartily joined in by the large congregation, and an offering of about \$12 received for the work of the associated charities.

Rev. R. J. Thompson then delivered the address of the evening upon the place of labor in the world's civilization. The text was the fifteenth verse of the second chapter of Genesis: "And the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

The sermon was an eloquent one, with noble thoughts and sentiment, calculated to inspire men with higher ambitions and determinations for greater achievements in whatever walk of life they may be. The speaker paid a high tribute to labor and laboring men, concluding his eloquent sermon with this peroration:

"All hail to the cause of the laborer. May he have just compensation from men for his toil. Whether he has or not he has the reward which labor itself always brings, which our immortal Whittier has taught in his resplendent song:

"And were this life the utmost span—
The only end and aim of man—
Better the toils of fields like these
Than waking dream and slothful ease."

May you successfully reach many more anniversaries. God bless you and your cause."

LOCAL NEWS ON FIVE PAGES.

The third page of each edition of the TIMES-DEMOCRAT contains a large amount of fresh, spicy local news. The demand made upon the advertising columns of this popular newspaper makes it impossible to crowd upon less than five pages all the local news that we carry each night. So do not neglect to look all over the paper to get all we give you. Local news to-day will be found on 1st, the 3d, 4th, 5th and 8th pages.

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The Best Whiskey
for medicinal purposes and family use for sale by D. E. McCarthy, corner Pearl and Jackson streets.

CIRCUIT COURT

Hears the Case of the Barber Asphalt Co. Against

THE LIMA CITY COUNCIL.

John Bright Being Tried for Burglary—Three More Prosperity Cases—Motion for New Trial in the Woods Case Overruled.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Lizzie Bendum to Rubiah Allen; part of an acre in German township; \$225.

Sarah Jane Leatherman to Sarah Z. Wallace, 40 acres in Auglaize township; \$1,000.

Elizabeth Tabler, guardian of B. E. Tabler to Sarah Z. Wallace, 40 acres in Auglaize township; \$78.33.

Amos Seider and wife to Elias Cham, 40 acres in Jackson township; \$450.

Elijah Helser and wife to D. O. Helser, 40 acres in Jackson township; \$1,600.

Elias Oium and wife to Elijah Helser, 40 acres in Jackson township; \$800.

and stole a set of harness. The property which is claimed to have been stolen was found on a horse belonging to the defendant, who made no effort to conceal the same. The case will be tried this afternoon.

CERTIFIED AS SURETY.

In the case of the Ohio National Bank vs. R. W. Cahill et al, the court made an order that Griffith Thomas be certified as surety only on notes in which judgments were taken.

GOVERNMENT DETECTIVES

Have Been in This City for Several Months Getting Evidence to be Used in the Trial of Cases for Selling Without License.

The probabilities are that before long there will be many arrests of persons in this city for selling beer and other spirituous liquors without a government license. The practice of selling beer without a license in immoral houses is alleged to have been continued for many months.

Meantime the government authorities have not been asleep, but have been making an investigation and the number of places that are known to the government officials where beer is sold without a license is so large that it would scarcely be believed to be true. Not only are there houses where the law is thus grossly violated, to be found in one section of this city, but are to be found in almost every section of it. No part of the city is free from their presence, and when the arrests are made there will be many surprises.

For several months government deputy U. S. marshals and detectives have been secretly working on these cases and know all the places where the law is violated. Two women detectives in the employ of the United States government have been in the city for the past two months collecting evidence against the violators and have been successful in their efforts. They have succeeded well in keeping secret the purpose of their presence in the city. Once or twice a month for the past six months deputy marshals and detectives have visited the city to investigate the cases and collect evidence. Four men and two women have been working on the cases. The men would remain in the city only a couple of days at a time in order not to arouse the suspicion of any of the violators whom they were seeking to collect evidence against.

They as yet have made no arrests, but have been waiting until they have discovered all the violators and collected sufficient evidence against them. The violators will soon be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extend of the law. The penalty for such offenses is very heavy and carries with it both a heavy fine and imprisonment.

SALE CONFIRMED.

In the case of H. L. Brice, trustee, against Marion L. Clippinger, the sale was confirmed by Judge Richie and the deed ordered.

In the case of Levi Barber against Emilie Granger et al, supplemental order was made authorizing William Baker, administrator, to sell lands in Van Wert county belonging to the estate of Elizabeth Robinson.

YEARLY SETTLEMENT.

The soldiers relief committee is in session to day, making a yearly settlement with the treasurers of the townships and cities of the county.

DRILLS SOLD.

The Joseph Ford tile ditch, Marion township, was sold this morning by county surveyor Geo. Taylor to Theo Snow for \$139.50; 500 feet 10 inch tile, 370 feet 12 inch tile.

TRY SIMON'S POP-CORN FRITTERS.

Special prices in Ladies' Furnishings and Millinery at Mrs. F. Light's.

25¢

Linen are now being sold for Xmas.

Buy now.

Oysters 25¢ a quart at Simon's.

PREPARE FOR XMAS!

We've been three months preparing for this occasion and we have prepared so well that the hundreds that visit our store daily comment and compliment:

"Oh, how many nice things you have;" "this is just the place to come for Christmas presents;" "I've never seen so many lovely things in one store," etc., etc.

Every counter offers many things that merit your admiration. Never before have we offered such an aggregation of choice goods as our store is overcrowded with now. Novelties specially for the holidays, as also our staple departments, that provide most appropriate holiday gifts.

The time for complaints about hard times being over, we figured that the buying public was ready to open its purse and buy goods that have merit—we're prepared accordingly—prepared to do the largest December business in our history.

PARTICULAR INTEREST IS CENTERED IN OUR FANCY

Holiday Novelties, Art Linens, Handkerchiefs,

Holiday Umbrellas, Fans, Perfumery, Hosiery,

Gloves, Ladies' Fur Collarettes, Children's

Fur Sets, Children's Caps and Cloaks and

Infant's Wear.

The holiday business has already actively begun; people are beginning to realize the advantage of buying early. It's worth something to have first choice from a complete stock and avoiding the big crowds later. This week is the best time to buy.

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